

## FRANCE SOLVES PROBLEM OF HER MANY PRISONERS

In Scores of Encampments, Captured  
Germans Engage in All  
Kinds of Work.

ROANNE CENTER OF INDUSTRY  
Correspondent, Under Escort of Mil-  
itary Officers, Makes Trip of Sev-  
eral Hundred Miles, Witnessing  
Typical Scenes of Labor.

ROANNE, CENTRAL FRANCE, No-  
vember 27.—"Achtung" was the Ger-  
man command of attention given by a  
German sergeant-major, in trim Ger-  
man uniform, to 1,500 German soldiers,  
all in their gray-green uniform with  
red-edged caps, ranged in long ranks  
twenty deep along the great court-  
yard of the barracks of Roanne. The  
sharp and paternal German command  
sounded strange in this French set-  
ting, with French officers receiving  
detention salaries and giving direc-  
tions, and French soldiers in their  
vivid, colorful uniforms standing at  
shoulder-arm at all the exits.

These long lines of German soldiers  
were typical of the scores of German  
prisoners centering at this little town  
of Roanne, and radiating from  
here to the Spanish frontier and  
over to the French colonies in Africa  
—in all some 200,000 German prisoners  
gathered up from Champagne and all  
along the German-manuevering line.  
German officers in the prison court-  
yards, working the farms, running the  
steam threshing machines, binding hay  
in bundles for German artillery and  
cavalry horses, and helping supply  
France with its sustenance for the  
army and the people.

Here at Roanne, too, is the center  
of another form of German industry  
on French soil, with thousands of Ger-  
man-Polish soldiers doing the same  
work they did in the coal mines of  
Silesia, digging the coal from the  
rich deposits of central France, off-  
setting the loss of the French coal  
fields of Pas de Calais in the north-  
east which have passed into the hands  
of the invaders.

The Associated Press was given the  
opportunity to see a large number of  
these German encampments, and typi-  
cal scenes of the soldiers doing agri-  
cultural and mining work, the party  
being arranged by the Ministry of For-  
eign Affairs and under the escort of  
French army officers, Lieutenant Brunet  
and Lieutenant de Gode.

In the courtyard of the Roanne bar-  
racks the Germans had been drawn up  
to give the visitors a typical instance  
of their appearance. They looked  
rather slovenly until the word of com-  
mand was given, their uniforms were  
stained and dirty, showing the re-  
sults of life in the trenches; they were  
irregular in height, big boned, Bar-  
varians and short stocky men.

"Bring them to attention, and have  
them take three steps forward, turn  
and three steps backward," said the  
French commandant.

### EFFECT IS ELECTRICAL

ON SOILED AND SLOUCHY RANKS  
The direction was interpreted to the  
German sergeant-major, and then rang  
out his "Achtung." The effect was  
electrical on these soiled and slouchy  
ranks. They sprang into a rigid line,  
every head straight and shoulders  
back, transformed from an irregular  
mass into perfectly aligned platoons  
which could have done credit to a  
parade ground. Then as the com-  
mand of three steps was given in  
German, the long line of heavy wooden  
sabots came up into the German goose-  
step, and fairly crashed back and forth  
over the stone pavement. In an in-  
stant the goose-step and the crashing  
sabots stopped and the lines were  
right. It was little short of sensational,  
this advancing in a whole regiment  
of mud-stained men into a fairly fair  
vibrating with energy and force, and  
automatic military precision.

Six hundred of these men had re-  
cently been captured in the French ad-  
vance in Champagne, but they were  
mingled indiscriminately with the  
others. One large dormitory, however,  
was given over entirely to the new  
prisoners. This, like the rest of the  
rooms, was scrupulously clean and in  
good condition, with mattresses and  
blankets for each man, rooms for

shower baths, and the mattresses and  
shower baths, and the equipment of a  
well-ordered barracks. The same place  
had been used before for French sol-  
diers, and the Germans were getting  
practically the same accommodations.  
In the dining-hall, besides the regular  
menu printed in German, was a list of  
"extra" on the bulletinboard, which  
could be bought, butter, tea, cheese,  
soap, cigars, tobacco and other luxu-  
ries at the current French prices.

It was the work these men were  
doing, however, which was of chief  
interest. Nearly was a large estab-  
lishment where the Germans were seen  
at work. The great warehouse was  
fairly alive with these workmen, their  
uniform put aside for a rough working  
blouse. Big wheels were turning and  
hydraulic presses were turning out  
bales of tightly-pressed hay ready for  
shipping. Eight big Germans were on  
top of a derrick, arranging the bales  
in place, and scores of other were  
working the machinery and passing the  
product through the various processes  
up to the shipment.

STEAM THRESHING MACHINE  
OPERATED BY PRISONERS  
At the little town of Aubier a dozen  
Germans in blouses were running a  
steam threshing machine. The grain  
dropping in a steady stream as the  
Germans passed the sheaves from the  
storehouse and ran it through the ma-  
chine. Others were running the steam  
engine, steadying the movement of the  
long shafts leading to the threshing.

This was typical of the threshing on  
the wheat yield, now going on all over  
France. Germans being scattered  
throughout all the little farming centers  
doing the heavy work of the machine,  
while the French soldiers, standing out  
in a big sporting field. The French mail  
wagon had just arrived bringing let-  
ters and packages coming within the  
relations. The soldiers can send two  
letters a month and a postal card  
weekly, the letters being of four pages,  
seven lines to the page, dealing only  
with health conditions and personal af-  
fairs, but not of the war. There is  
the same facility for incoming mail,  
and the men were eagerly awaiting the  
parcels and letters.

Germans Poles were seen in large  
numbers at one of the village encamp-  
ments. They were not as sturdy as  
the men from Western and  
Southern Germany; irregular of build  
and many small men. Some were well  
along to recovery from wounds, but  
still had bandaged heads or arms. One  
Pole had the whole side of his jaw  
blasted off by a snail shot, the jaw  
being healed and he stood among  
his fellows with his narrow face  
tapering down to an acute point. Two  
young German Poles stepped forward

and showed the Polish spirit underly-  
ing German domination, by reciting  
the evils of German rule. They spoke  
simply and earnestly, maintaining that  
the Poles fared much worse under  
German rule than they did under  
Russia.

"Do all your companions here share  
this view?" was asked of the Polish  
boys.

"Not all, but a large number of them  
do," was the reply.

One of the important Polish camps  
visited was near St. Etienne, the heart  
of the coal region of Central France,  
where the Polish miners—recently  
serving in the German ranks—are  
bringing up the stores of anthracite  
and bituminous coal. It is the chief  
dependence of France, for fuel and in-  
dustrial energy, now that the northern  
coal fields have changed hands. All  
around were the gaping mouths of the  
coal-pits, with the machinery for rais-  
ing, and long lines of dumpers carry-  
ing off the coal on improvised side-  
tracks to the main line.

MINERS CROWD FORWARD  
TO RECEIVE THEIR PAY  
It was late in the day when the  
visit was made, and the Polish miners  
had come to the surface and were now  
crowding forward in hundreds to re-  
ceive their pay.

"What are German prisoners paid?"  
was asked.

"Yes, and they make good wages,  
about one franc and sixty centimes a  
day (62 cents)," was the reply.

As the Polish miners pressed up for  
their money they were paid by a typi-  
cal French accountant, with a big  
safe and rows of tin money-cases be-  
side him. The men had their mining  
clothes, blackened and stained, but  
through the grimy stood out the fact  
that they were German soldiers, most  
of them wearing the red-edged caps  
and some using old uniforms for the  
work. A Polish sergeant called out  
their unpronounceable names and the  
men eagerly pocketed their earnings.  
Occasionally some question is raised  
about this payment of wages to Ger-  
man prisoners. But the answer is  
given that it is under the convention  
regulating such matters, and France is  
scrupulous about meeting every obli-  
gation of that nature, even though such  
wages could be well employed at home.

Together this trip under official es-  
cort covered several hundred miles  
through towns, villages and great  
stretches of farm country, with Ger-  
man soldier-prisoners at every hand, in  
the fields, the warehouses, the thresh-  
ing centers and the coal mines, show-  
ing how France has solved the prob-  
lem of her many prisoners, not only  
by restraining them under reasonable  
living and sanitary conditions, but also  
setting them to useful labor in meet-  
ing the needs of France from agri-  
culture and the mines.

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Comprising Hats recently trimmed in our own workrooms, portray-  
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**19c**

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Millinery Department—Second Floor.

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extra large size and very heavy  
quality, in gray and white, with  
different colored borders; **\$1.50**  
worth \$2.00, at .....  
Woolnap White Blankets, for  
double beds; extra heavy wool nap-  
ped, with pink and blue  
borders; worth \$2.50, at ..... **\$1.95**

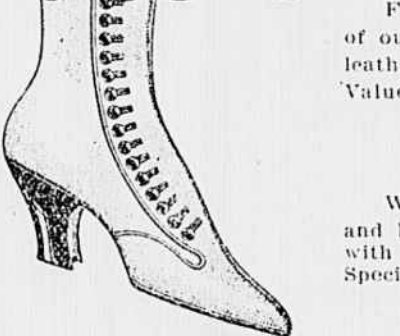
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